

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the number of recruits from minority communities in the Army;
- (b) if so, whether the recommendations of Sachhar Committee have been implemented;
- (c) if so, the number of personnel recruited so far;
- (d) whether the target fixed for the current year has been achieved; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Armed Forces have a secular and apolitical character. Recruitment to the Forces is based on merit and is open to every citizen of the country, without any discrimination on the basis of their caste, creed, religion or region. All the personnel from all communities and regions work together without any distinction on the basis of caste, creed or religion.